

Claim 5, line 1, change "1" with --4--.

Claim 7, line 3, change "samples" to --samples,--;

line 4, change "(C<sub>a</sub>)" to --(C<sub>a</sub>),--.

Claim 9, line 2, delete "means for";

line 3, delete "storing" and replace "data." with --data storage device--.

Claim 10, line 2, replace "means for storing" with --a--, and after "data" insert --storage device--;

line 4, replace "reading means" with --a reader--.

Claim 11, line , replace "means" with --device--.

Please add new claims as follows;

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--12. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said analyte parameter is fluorescence emission.

13. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said solid body is in the form of a sample containment device.

14. A method as claimed in claim 13 wherein said device is a capillary fill device.--.

### REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2000, applicant select Group I (claims 1-7) with traverse.

It is stated in the Office Action that the groups do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or

corresponding special technical features. It is respectfully submitted that this is not correct. Claim 7, in Group I, includes the step of measuring continuously for each sample independently at a plurality of times after the onset of incubation the value of an analyte-dependent parameter. The same step is required in claim 8 of Group II. Claim 9, also in Group II, calls for storing the calibration data in a device and the kit claims in Group III are drawn to that device. Accordingly, there is a special technical feature common to all three groups.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully solicited.

Several new claims have been for consideration by the Examiner. In addition, the language in claims 9, 10 and 11 has been revised so as to avoid being in means plus function form.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and allowance of all claims in this application is respectfully solicited.

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